

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANT BOARD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has constituted a National Medicinal Plant Board to promote cultivation, processing and export of medicinal and aromatic plants ; and

(b) if so, the details of the Board, viz. number of members, their duties, and responsibilities, tenure etc.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The Government has set up Medicinal Plants Board vide Resolution notified on 24th November, 2000. The objective of establishing this Board is to have an agency which would be responsible for co-ordination of all matters relating to medicinal plants, including drawing up policies and strategies for conservation, proper harvesting, cost-effective cultivation, research and development, processing, marketing of raw material in order to protect, sustain and develop this sector.

(b) The Board is headed by the Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare as Chairperson with the Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare as the Vice-Chairperson. Representatives of concerned Organizations / State/UT Govts. and non-officials having expertise in various fields relating to medicinal plants are also nominated to the Board for a period of two years. There are 28 members including the Chief Executive Officer, National Medicinal Plants Board (Member-secretary). The members provide guidance for functioning of the Board.